

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE

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Joshua 24:15 says, *“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”* Let’s learn some lessons from the phrase, *“choose you this day whom ye will serve.”*

CHOOSE. Every day we are faced with numerous choices. We choose what time we get up of a morning, what we are going to wear, and what we are going to eat. We make business choices, choices concerning our family, our neighbors, and others. From a spiritual standpoint, we must make some choices. We must choose who we are going to serve.

YOU. “You” places the responsibility on the individual. You will give an account on the day of judgment for all that you say and do. The Lord taught, *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment”* (Mt. 12:36). Everyone will give an account of himself to God (Rom. 14:12). The choice as to whom you will serve rests upon your shoulders.

THIS DAY. *“This day”* suggests urgency. We must choose, this very hour, who we are going to serve. The Bible places emphasis on now. *“... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”* (2 Cor. 6:2). We have no guarantee of tomorrow (Prov. 27:1). Don’t let the opportunity to choose this day who you will serve pass you by!

WHOM. There are two choices as to whom we will serve. The first choice is Christ, in whom is all that is good and righteous (Lk. 23:47). He is the Son of the living God (Mt. 16:16); the Master (Mt. 23:10); and the Savior of the world (Lk. 2:11; Jn. 4:42). The second choice is Satan, in whom is all that is evil (Acts 13:10). He stands for the things of men (Mk. 8:33); he is the tempter (1 Cor. 7:5); and the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9).

YE WILL SERVE. The word “serve” means to be of use; to be favorable; to give respect due to; or to stand by (Webster). The Bible teaches that you cannot serve two masters (Mt. 6:24; Lk. 16:13). We must not serve sin (Rom. 6:6), but serve the Lord heartily (Col. 3:23-24) that we may receive the reward of inheritance. In Romans 6:16, Paul asked, *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether*

of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”

Therefore, choose you this day whom ye will serve!

PASSAGES TEACHING A CHILD IS NOT BORN WITH SIN

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Contrary to the teaching of men, the Bible teaches that a child is not born with sin upon his soul. Take a look at a dozen passages which teach a child is not born with sin:

DEUTERONOMY 1:39.

“Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.”

DEUTERONOMY 24:16.

“The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.”

PSALM 58:3. *“The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.”*

ECCLESIASTES 7:29. *“Lo,*

this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.”

ISAIAH 7:16. *“For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good...”*

EZEKIEL 18:20. *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”*

EZEKIEL 28:15. *“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”*

MATTHEW 18:3. *“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”*

MARK 10:14-15. *“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child,*

he shall not enter therein.”

ROMANS 9:11. *“For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil...”*

COLOSSIANS 3:25. *“But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.”*

1 JOHN 3:4. *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”*

QUESTIONS OF LIFE

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Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? These are three great questions of life, and the Bible answers each of them.

WHERE DID I COME FROM? Many have been made to believe that they descended from the monkey. Some think they came into being as a result of a big bang somewhere deep in outer space. The Bible affirms that man came from

God. *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”* (Gen. 1:26-27).

WHY AM I HERE? Some do not seem to understand why they are here. What is our purpose in life? Solomon answers: *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”* (Eccl. 12:13).

WHERE AM I GOING? Our life on earth is only temporary (2 Pet. 3:10). But when our life on earth is over, that’s not the end of things! God put within us a spirit that will live on throughout eternity (Zech. 12:1; Mt. 25:46). That spirit will either live on in a place of eternal bliss (Mt. 25:21) or a place of eternal torment (Lk. 16:24). How we live on earth will determine where we spend eternity (Mt. 7:13-14). Where are you headed?

We must recognize our purpose in life and prepare ourselves for eternity!

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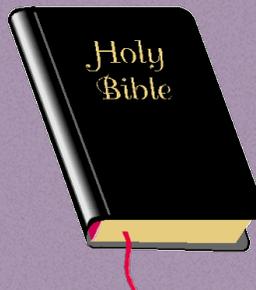
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